Axecutive Proclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Eight Hundred years ago, baby John was born to Pietro and Pica di Bernardone, a birth that was to bring joy, love, and taith to the world for centuries; and,

wHEREAS, After an encounter with a leper and hearing a voice from the Cross of San Damiano, Francis of Assisi was converted, and on February 24, 1209, he recognized his path in Matthew 10.3-14; and,

WHEREAS, Saint Francis of Assisi yave life to the Order of Friars Minor, the Poor Clares, and the Third Order, three orders which spread His love throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, II Poverello's great love of Lady Poverty and his lifetime of striving for perfection by imitating Christ resulted in his receiving the most secred gift of the Stigmata; and,

MMEREAS, October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, is calebrated around the world, and this year marks the 800th anniversary of the birth of Saint Francis of Assisi, as people throughout the earth celebrate the life of this seraphic saint; and,

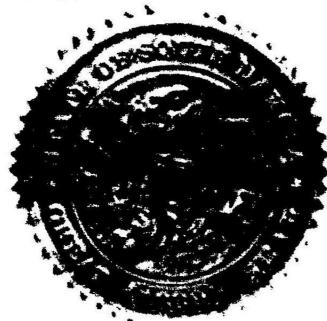
MMEREAS. Francis of Assist's apostolate of peace and his example of fraternal charity live on in the Franciscans of the Twentleth Century; and,

WHEREAS, Holy Spirit Church in the Diccese of Sloux Fells will be commemorating the life and legacy of Saint Francis of Assist with a special Mass at 2:50 P.M., on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assist, October 4:

NOW, MEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JAIKLOW, Covernor of the State of South Dakota, in honor of the eleven Franciscans who reside in the Diocese of Sloux Falls, so hereby proclaim October 4, 1962, as

SAINT FARICIS OF ASSIST DAY

in South Dakota.



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